Rejection of revised pay scales by Delhi School teachers

*218. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new pay-scales awarded recently to the primary, middle and secondary school teachers, have been rejected by Delhi school teachers;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the memorandum submitted by the teachers' organisations for the modification of the pay-scales; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the recommendations of the IV Central Pay Commission, the Government revised the pay-scales for school teachers on 12.8.87 keeping in view the report of the National Commission on Teachers-I and provisions of the new Education Policy. While various Teachers' organisations have been representing for modifications in the pay-scales, they have not conveyed rejection of these to the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Strategy for earning from tourism

*219. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any strategy for tourism to receive three million tourists by 1990 and to earn Rs. 5,000 crores in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The National Committee on Tourism set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of a long term perspective Plan for tourism sector has projected that India can receive 3 million tourists and earn Rs. 5,000 crores in foreign exchange by the turn of the century. The Committee has made several recommendations in this regard. These, *inter-alia* include-(i) a package of financial incentives for motivating private sector investment in tourism related activities, (ii) re-organisation of the Department of Tourism, India Tourism Development Corporation and the training institutes under the Department of Tourism, and (iii) a strategy for rapid augmentation of air and ground transport capacity.

Connivance of RPF Personnel in Wagon breaking

*220. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unabated menace of wagon breaking due to the overt and covert support of the Railway Protection Force;

(b) whether Government take immediate action on the receipt of such information;

(c) if so, what is the number of RPF personnel found to have connived in such matters, the number of those suspended/discharged from service during the last three years; and

(d) whether there has been any improvement in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) There have been a few such cases.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of RPF personnel found to have connived in crime against Railway property and the number of those suspended|discharged from service during the last three years is as under:—

	1985	1986	1987	1988 (upto June)
(1) Total number of RPF staff found to have connived in thefts of Booked Consignments	57	41	41	6
(2) Total number of RPF staff suspended	37	26	31	5
(3) Total number of RPF staff discharged from service	30	12	12	—

(d) Yes, Sir.

After effects of Bhopal gas leakage

@1773. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOTURU MANU. MANTHA RAO:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to arrest the galloping death rate in Bhopal since the leakage of deadly MIC from the Union Carbide factory in December, 1984; and

(b) whether any study has been conducted about the effects of the said leakage on the human system; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per reports received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, symptomatic treatment is being given to all cases of diseases through hospitals and dispensaries of the State Government, some of which having specialities and sophisticated modern diagnostic equipments. The State Government are running 4 hospitals, one Polyclinic, two diagnostic centres and 5 dispensaries in the gas affected area. There is a special 62 bedded MIC ward in Hamidia Hospital. Treatment is also being given at Hamidia Hospital and Sultania Ladies Hospital. Referral services are being provided by the Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. In addition, the Indian Red Cross Society is running one diagnostic centre and 4 medical centres. One Eye Hospital is being run by Royal Commonwealth Society for Blind, U.K.

The Indian Council of Medical Research have initiated several research projects to assess the health gas-exposed persons in the short and long term. As part of these investigations, community clinics and additional facilities for diagnosis and treatment have been provided to Gandhi Medical College and J. N. Hospital at Bhopal.

(b) As per studies carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research, lungs were the main target due to inhalation of the toxic gas. Pulmonary function tests carried out in the exposed population indicate that large number have evidence of alveolar and|or interstitial reaction

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